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Thanks

- .. to those who supported with the purchase of poppies last term.
- .. to our triathlon support team.
- .. to those who have juggled commitments to ensure children attend after school labs this term.

People of the week

- .. children (and staff) for a great start to the term
- .. those children who continued their reading and maths whizz programmes during the holidays
- .. the room 8 Adventure Learning Group for their efforts in organising the Room 8 pet dress up/ photo/ pet donations day
- .. Congratulations to the following children for receiving trophies at Kamo Swim Club Prizegiving: Hanna, Asher, Abbey (x2), Brendan(x2), Jaedyn , Brooke, Emma (x2), Tegan (x3), Caleb (x5) who also took out the "Sportsmanship" Trophy.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

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| 15 May | Senior debating competition |
| 16 May | Mathex |
| 16 May | Senior squash (first of a series) |
| 21 May | Senior rock wall day at Taurikura |
| 23 May | 40 Hour famine (and into weekend) |
| 26 May | Senior Science Fair kicks off |
| 4 June | Information visit by staff and students of W.G.H.S. |
| 10 June | Senior Winter Sports Tournament (pp 12.6) |
| 17 June | Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 24.6) |
| 18 June | Senior Ten Pin Bowling |
| 26 June | Portfolios sent home |
| 30 J./1 May | Parent / teacher interviews |
| 2 June | Year 8 girls HPV vaccination 2 |
| 4 July | Final day of term 2 (term 3 starts 21.7) |

Some reminders from last term

- .. please share the "safety at roadsides" message with your children and discuss with them any specific dangers on the route they take to school... some reminders would not hurt.
- .. advise the school office by 2:45 PM any changes to regular bus arrangements.
- .. to use the lower bus bay if you can to reduce vehicle congestion in the upper carpark.

Sunhats

- ... are optional during the winter terms.

Current Virtue . . **DILIGENCE!**

Our virtue for the first 5 weeks of term 2 is "diligence". Please find support material attached to this newsletter.

So .. please support by ..

.. discussing this virtue with your child

.. tell them how this virtue has impacted positively on your life

.. identify areas where this virtue could be further practised at home

Let us know where we can help. **GOOD LUCK!**

Maths Labs

... started on Thursday. Please note that children are expected at both the Monday and Thursday labs.

Please advise if they will not be in attendance on any given day.

Parents are asked to please ...

... send a snack to school for the afternoon

... to pick their child up at 4:40

... ensure that assigned tasks are done at home (most of these will be Maths Whizz tasks).

Religious Instruction Classes

... commence Monday 12 May. A reminder that children can be included or withdrawn at any time during the first 2 weeks ... just advise the school office. Non-attending children will be allocated meaningful (and supervised) work for the 25 minutes in question, and this will be checked by their teacher on return to class.

You should feel under no pressure to include or non-include - this is, quite rightly, absolutely your call!

Request for volunteers: The Matarau School Bible in School Team are a few people short of a full permanent team. Would you be willing to volunteer? We are seeking a new teacher and two helpers in the junior school. If you are willing and available for Monday mornings, please contact the Team Leader, Carina Wykes, on 09 435 0911. Training is provided and a police vet is necessary..

Room 8 Pet / Dress up day

The room 8 children will be having a pet dress up / photo / pet food donation day on Friday 16 May. This day has been organised by the children themselves and their goals are to grow appreciation for our pets, increase awareness of good pet care and also provide an opportunity to donate a little something to some pets in need. Parents of children in room 8 will have received a more detailed letter but are invited to contact Miss Gentil with any questions. **Children from other rooms are invited to drop any animal food, old towels, blankets and newspapers to room 8 by 15 May to help out.** These will be donated to the SPCA by our school. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Invitation to parents of room 8 Children - 14 May

The parents of room 8 children are warmly invited to a meeting scheduled to start 3:15 in room 8 Wednesday 14 May. At this meeting Miss Gentil will talk about the Adventure Learning component of her programme and how this will unfold throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to get an insight into one of the key drivers of learning and motivation in this room. Any questions please to Miss Gentil.

Headlice

This will take place on Friday 16th May. If willing / able to assist with our term headlice inspection please phone Donna in the school office or leave a message on the answer phone.

Year 5 and 6 camp - Income and Expenditure Statement

Please find attached an Income and Expenditure Statement for last term's year 5 and 6 camp. Parents of year 5 and 6 children will note a small surplus has been achieved (around \$12 per child) ... largely due to the diligent work of staff and parents to keep costs as low as possible. We would like to propose that we hold this surplus in credit for each year 5 and 6 child to pay for any future outdoor education activities ... and to refund any unspent portion at the end of the year. If you would like your child's \$12 refunded now please contact the school office and we will arrange this. A huge thank you again to those parents who helped make this such a memorable camp.

Change of Clothing

If your child is inclined to come home in the winter with muddy clothes, you might like to consider putting some spare clothes in their schoolbag just in case these are needed as there are no spare clothes available at school.

Science Fair

Early notice that the year 7 and 8 Science Fair programme will run a bit differently this year ... the major difference being that the programme will operate for 4 or so weeks either side of mid-year break. Students should already be giving thought to their topics. More to follow.

40 Hour Famine (years 6 to 8)

Children interested in doing this year's 40 Hour Famine (20 hours form primary age children) received an Expression of Interest form this week. There is certainly no expectation but if you consent to their participation please return their consent form next week.

Learning Support Programme

If your child has been placed in Mrs Comrie's Learning Support Programme for term 2 please ensure all assigned tasks are completed in advance of each session. Mrs Comrie is more than keen to answer any questions you might have or even to have you sit in on your child's lesson.

Junior School Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the Easter Baskets:

Paula Hunt	Beldon Taylor	Nicole Hampshire
Ethan Hare	Bob Thompson	Brooke Hay

ANZ School Awards

If you are taking out a loan to buy a house or grow your business please remember to nominate our school to receive reward points.

Bullying

You will recall last term's promise that we would follow up this term with some information on cyber bullying (the new bully on the block). Mr D will prepare something for next week's newsletter and so watch this space.

Finally

Thought you might be interested to know that we are seeing a strong correlation between hours spent on maths whizz and accelerated progress. Although Maths Whizz is not a total programme, it is proving an invaluable adjunct to our regular maths programmes. We strongly encourage children to do their allocated Maths Whizz times at home as this really seems to be making a difference.

Welcome back. A busy term ahead. Keep in touch.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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children, please support them



School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Mugeli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. See order form attached to this week's newsletter if you want to bulk order for term 2.

Community Notices

Ruatangata Church – Next service on Sunday 18.5.14 at 11.30am. All denominations welcome. Ph Alan Agnew 4350141 with enquiries.

International Day of Families – Ethnic Food, Activities, Family Market, Saturday 17th May, 10am to 2pm, Old Library, Rust Ave, Whangarei. Prizes for international costumes and fancy dress. For more info contact Jos, email jostaylorcolthurst@gmail.com or call 0211556793.

McKegg & Matarau History Book – If anyone would like to purchase a copy of the McKegg (and Matarau) family history please contact either Maureen Rush 43556658 or Clive McKegg 4351454. Books cost \$25 each.

After School Tennis Coaching Programme – Thomas Neale Memorial Park in Winger Cresc, Kamo Begins week of May 12th for 6 weeks. Details and further info at sportsground.co.nz/tennisnorthland or email Wendy Sykes - wendytdo@xtra.co.nz

Table Tennis Northland – for Primary & Intermediate School Students, Tuesdays 3.30pm–5.30pm, beginning 6th May, Table Tennis Centre, Kensington, Soft-soled shoes must be worn. Bats available to hire or buy or bring your own. Annual Subscription: \$40 or \$2 per session. Enquiries Ph Brent Davies 094027695



Drama classes strive to develop your child's confidence, improve their concentration and give them a creative outlet where they can make new friends and have fun, the first class is FREE! At Making a Scene we teach presentation and performance skills, for life. Lower Primary Aged Children (year 1 minimum school attendance). Tuesdays 3:30- 4:30, or Wednesdays 3:30- 4:30, Acting and Speaking years 4 +. Visit our website for full details <http://makingascene.co.nz/familiarity>

March – Pipiwai & Titoki Road Safety Action Group, Assemble from 11am Tuesday 13th May Kensington Stadium Carpark, to walk peacefully to Forum North. Contact Alex Wright for more details on 430 0941.

Time Travelling Musical Adventure – Rising Starz performs "Timelord" at Captaine Bougainville Theatre, Forum North. Saturday 14th June 1pm & 6pm. Suitable for all ages \$8 a ticket. Tickets available from students of Rising Starz or Kauri Shop, Town Basin. For more info email risingstarznz@gmail.com or ph/text 021 441 455.

Northland Youth Theatre – Term 2 Classes start up on Monday the 5th! Juniors: Classes for 9-11 years, Tuesdays 4pm-5.30pm with Jan Fisher, Experience the art and learn the craft of theatre through theatre games, creative movement and improvisation with Jan. Intermediates: Classes for 12-13 years, Mondays 4pm-5.30pm with Naomi Bromberg. For more info phone 09 438 4453 or email office@nyt.org.nz

LOST: One (Right) brand new size 35-36 black slingback Havianna Jandal. Someone may have taken it home by mistake, if so could it be returned to Georgia Sissons, Room 11. Thank you.

Income					Expenditure	
	Amount received to date:				Amount	Notes
	Amount	# of People		Total	\$133.80	Pre-camp expenses
Children	\$150	58		\$8,700	\$100	Conservation Speaker donation
Adults	Various			\$188	\$424	Ferry Tickets
			Total:	\$8,888	\$2,988	Accommodation
					\$189.90	Equipment for activities
	People with special payment arrangements				\$1,948.92	Food
	Amount	#of People		Total	\$2,035	History Day and Sailing
Children	\$150	6		\$900	\$459.84	Teacher expenses
Adults	Various			\$84	\$600	MTA Vouchers
			Total:	\$984	\$228.18	Kids Debrief Lunch
					\$764.36	Held in account
	Total anticipated income:			\$9,872		
					\$9,872.00	Total



**Some Middle School Camp
Photo's**



FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.

These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.

Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday to receive an order the following Friday.

Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

WEEKLY ORDER FORM - Term 2 2014

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00

___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00

___ Milk Drink - extra \$1.00

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00

___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

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TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 2 -

Items @ \$4.00 x _____ weeks =

Items @ \$5.00 x _____ weeks =

In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.

Diligence



What is Diligence?

Diligence is working hard and doing the best job you possibly can. When you are diligent, you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being diligent is being industrious, giving all you have to give to whatever you do.

Why Practice It?

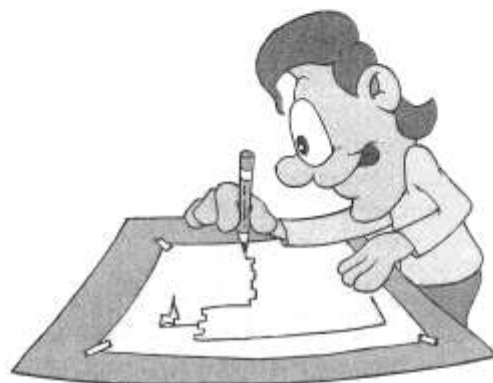
Without diligence, people act lazy and don't get much done. They act as if what they do doesn't count, rush through it or just do the least amount possible. Diligence helps you to get things done with excellence and enthusiasm. Diligence leads to success. When you are diligent about the things you do, people rely on you and trust you to give your best effort.



How Do You Practice It?

You practice diligence by deciding what you can do and then giving it all you have to give. You treat each action as important and do things carefully, one step at a time. You don't rush through things. You give them your full attention. Diligence takes patience. When you work hard, you can accomplish wonderful things.

The Virtues Project



What would Diligence look like if...

- You are washing the dishes for your family?
- You are doing an assignment you find boring?
- You want to be a musician?
- Some friends ask you to come out when you have a job to do?
- You feel like taking a break in the middle of a job?
- You have an idea for something you want to build?

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practicing Diligence when you...

- Pay attention to what you are doing
- Do things carefully, step by step
- Practice to the point of excellence
- Give your absolute best to what you do
- Work hard
- Don't give up

Affirmation

I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I give my best to whatever I do.

Activities with Diligence



Activities with Diligence

Give students a task that involves intricate sorting, such as different shapes of beads, or a sewing project. Invite them to do it with diligence.



Virtues Reflection Questions

- ❖ What do dishes look like when they are done without diligence?
- ❖ What do dishes look like when they are done with diligence?
- ❖ What difference could diligence make in your future success?
- ❖ Name three successful people and describe how they showed diligence in their careers.
- ❖ Name some jobs in which diligence is essential.
- ❖ What would it be like if people did a rushed, careless job of
 - building a bridge
 - performing an operation
 - painting a house
 - working in a laboratory.



Drawing Diligence

On one side draw someone doing an important job without diligence, on the other with diligence.



Poster Points

- ❖ Giving my best.
- ❖ Giving my all.
- ❖ A careful and thorough worker.
- ❖ Hard work leads to success.



Quotable Quotes

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence." Abigail Adams

"Diligence is the mother of good fortune."
Cervantes

"Failure and success are not accidents, but the strictest justice." Alexander Smith

"Everything comes to the one who waits, if he works while he waits." Anonymous

"Luck is what happens when preparation meet opportunity." Elmer Letterman

"The trouble with opportunity is that it often comes disguised as hard work." Anonymous

"Genius is 10% inspiration, 90% perspiration." Thomas Alva Edison